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FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM OTTAWA TO TOM BERNES, CANADIAN
DELEGATION TO OECD WAS GIVEN TO MEL LEVINE, COUNS,
IN MY ABSENCE BY BERNES. QUOTE:

WOULD WISH TO PURSUE CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP ON
UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH WOULD BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE
TO OTHER DELS AND ACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION WOULD
NOT/NOT BE INVOLVED.

CANDIDATE IS DR. E(ED) J. LEROUX, ADM RESEARCH OF AGRIC
CDA. DR. LEROUX WAS BORN AND RAISED IN OTT AND RECEIVED
HIS MSC AND PHD FROM MCGILL. AN ECOLOGIST, HE JOINED
AGRIC CDA RESEARCH BRANCH IN 1949. IN 1962 HE WENT
TO U OF MCGILL AS ASSOC. PROF. OF ENTOMOLOGY RETURNING
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TO RESEARCH BRANCH AS RESEARCH COORDINATOR IN 1965.
IN 1968 HE BECAME ASST. DIR. GEN. (INSTITUTES) AND
IN 1972 ASST. DIR. GEN (PLANNING AND COORD). IN 1975
HE BECAME DIR. GEN. OF OPS DIRECORATE. DR. DR. LEROUX
WAS APPOINTED ADM RESEARCH IN MAR 78. DR. LEROUX IS
VICE CHAIRMAN OF AGRIC STAB BOARD AND AGRIC PRODUCTS
BOARD. HE IS 56.

WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED WITH PRESENTATION OF THIS CANDIDATURE. IT MAY BE RAISED WITH SECT AND OTHER DELS AS YOU JUDGE APPROPRIATE. UNQUOTE.

APPARENTLY NEW ZEALAND HAS PULLED BACK ON THE CANDIDATE THEY HAD PROPOSED (TURRANZ). THUS, DUE TO 1) PRIOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN CANDIDACY, 2) RECIPROCAL SUPPORT BY CANADA FOR U.S. CHAIRMANSHIP OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, 3) ABSENCE OF IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENTABLE U.S. STRATEGY FOR PUTTING FORWARD OWN CANDIDATE, AND 4) APPARENT QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSED CANADIAN CANDIDATE (LEROUX), AGATT INTENDS TO TENTATIVELY SUPPORT CANADIAN CANDIDACY PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION AS CANDIDACY DEVELOPS.

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